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COPY OFFICE REFERENCE FROM BOARD OF REVENUE (EXCISE) C.R.No.
37194 Abk/49 XA3, DATEX 5TH DECEMBER, 1949.

SUB: PROHIBITION - Hemp drugs - Source of supply to
licensees and disposal of confiscated stuff
consequent on the closure of the Vetapalem Store
House - Proposals - Submitted to Government.

The following persons who have been licensed under the
Madras Prohibition Act require supplies of hemp-drugs.

1. Those who possess licences in Form V.-Licence for the
manufacture of bonafide medicinal preparations containing ganja
or bhang; and
2. Those who possess licences in Form VI.B.-Licence for the
possession and use of intoxicating drugs for medicinal,
scientific, industrial or such like purpose.

Under condition (3) of the licence in Form V. supplies
of ganja or bhang required by the licensee should, if obtained
within the prohibition areas, be got only from a taluk office.
As it was found not convenient to stock the drug in taluk offices,
the licensees were directed to obtain their requirements of
ganja from the Vetapalem Store House till it existed.

Under condition (3) of the licence in Form VI.B., the
licensee was instructed to get his requirements of ganja or
bhanga from the Vetapalem Store House.

2. In view of the fact that the entire stock of hemp-
drugs in the Vetapalem Store House is exhausted and the store
house is to be closed, the following procedure is suggested to
meet the requirements of hempdrugs by the licensees:

The ganja and bhang confiscated in cases coming under
the Madras Prohibition Act may be utilised for the purpose of
manufacturing medicinal preparations etc.

The existing procedure for the disposal of ganja and
bhanga confiscated in prohibition cases is as follows:

All confiscated hemp-drugs are sent by the Magistrates
ordering the confiscation to the Dy. Prohibition Officer or the
Dy. Superintendent of Police (Prohibition concerned as the
case may be. He will, after examining the stuff, forward the
licit and saleable quantity to the Vetapalem Store House
and destroy the rest.

The drug on receipt at the Store House was being taken
into stock and disposed of as Govt. Ganja.

Since the Store House is to be closed, the following
revised procedure is proposed.

All confiscated hemp drugs received from the Magistrates
by the Dy. Prohibition Officers and Dy. Superintendents of Police
(Prohibition) will be ordered to be sent to the Board for
examination in its Laboratory and disposal.

The drugs received in the Laboratory, after examination,
will be taken into stock if found licit and fit for use, for issue
to licensees and the rest destroyed.

The Board requests that the Government may be pleased to approve the procedure suggested above, in regard to the disposal of confiscated hempdrugs and the source of supply of hemp drugs required by the licensees.

3. In anticipation of approval of the procedure proposed above, revised instructions are being issued to all District Prohibition Officers and Dy. Superintendents of Police (Prohibition) in the matter of disposal of confiscated hempdrugs.

4. In the light of revised procedure proposed in paragraph 2 above, condition (3) of the licence in Form V. needs to be amended. Condition (3) of the licence in Form VI.B. may be substituted in the place of the existing condition (3) in the licence in Form V. A draft notification is enclosed. The Board requests that it may be approved and published in the Fort St. George Gazette.

5. Duty was levied on the issues of hemp-drugs from the Vetapalem Store House under the provisions of the Madras Abkai Act. Now, as the issue of hemp drugs proposed to be made to licensees from the Board's Laboratory will be entirely under the provisions of the Madras Prohibition Act, the Government will have to issue a notification under Sec. 18(A) of the Act for the levy of duty on the hemp drugs issued to licensees. The present rate of duty on ganja and bhang is Rs.65/- and Rs.30/- per seer respectively. In addition to this, the licensees were hitherto paying cost price at the prescribed rate to the stock-holders or to the Government as the stock belonged to either of them. Now as the stock-holders have disappeared and the Government are the sole owners of hemp-drugs confiscated, the Board is of the opinion that no cost price as such need be levied but only the duty collected on the issues made. In the circumstances, the Board recommends that the rate of duty may be enhanced to Rs.80/- and Rs.40/- per seer of ganja and bhang respectively as the calculation of rate would be convenient in respect of smaller quantities as one tola.

6. The following quantities of confiscated ganja received in the Board's laboratory and found good and fit for use on examination have been kept for issue to licensees:

SEERS	TOLAS	RECEIVED FROM
31	19½	French Govt. of Karaikal.
2	32	Confiscated in Aqk C.R.NO.136 of 1946-47 of old Mayavaram (Excise) circle.
48	22	Central Excise Department

If these stocks get deteriorated in the meanwhile, they will be destroyed.

Certain licensees have indented for supply of hemp-drugs from the stocks in the Board's Laboratory. Their indents have not been issued pending orders from Government.

In the circumstances, the Board requests very early orders in the matters.

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ASSISTANT SECRETARY.

DRAFT NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by Sections 18 and 21 of the Madras Prohibition Act 1937 (Madras Act X of 1937) His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby makes the following amendment to Revenue Department Notification No.792 dated the 15th October 1937, published at pages 1779-1782 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette dated the 19th October 1937, as subsequently amended:

AMENDMENT

In the said Notification, the Form V, for condition (3) the following condition shall be substituted, namely:-

"The ganja and/or bhang that may be possessed under this licence shall be obtained from such source as the Board of Revenue may authorise and subject to such conditions as it may impose. Every consignment of ganja and/or bhang imported by the licensee from any place outside the area in which the Madras Prohibition Act 1937, is in force shall be accompanied by an import permit in Form I granted by the Collector

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REVENUE DEPARTMENT

MEMORANDUM No.72752 H/49-4 DATED 9TH MAY 1950

SUB: PROHIBITION - Hemp drugs - Source of supply to licensees disposal of confiscated stocks and enhancement of duty.

REF: From the Board of Revenue Reference C.R.No.37194 Abk/49 XA3, Dated 5--12--49.

The revised procedure for the disposal of confiscated hemp drugs suggested by the Board of Revenue in para 2 of its reference quoted above is approved.

2. The Government also approve the proposal of the Board of Revenue to enhance the rate of duty on ganja and bhang to as 80 and as 40 per seer respectively. The proposal of the Board that no cost price should be collected in the case of confiscated hemp drugs and that duty only should be levied on the quantity issued is also approved. The Board is requested to submit a draft notification for the levy of duty on ganja and bhang.

3. The following notification will be published in the Fort St. George Gazette:

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by sections 18, 20 and 21 of the Madras Prohibition Act, 1937 (Madras Act X of 1937), His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby makes the following amendments to Revenue Department Notification No.792 dated the 15th October 1937, published at pages 1779-1782 of Part I of the Fort St. George Gazette, dated the 19th October 1937, as subsequently amended:-

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Board of Revenue. (Excise)

- " Superintendent, Government Press for publication of the notification in the Fort St. George Gazette and issue of corrections slips to the Madras Prohibition Act and the rules made thereunder.
- " Inspector General of Police.
- " Collectors of All Districts.
- " Legal Department.

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ABSTRACT

PROHIBITION- Hemp drugs - Enhancement of duty - Orders Issued.

REVENUE DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.1805.

dated 22--6--1950.

READ/ AGAIN:

Government Memo. No.72752 D/49-4 dated 9--5--50.

READ ALSO:

From the Board of Revenue (Excise) C.R.No.37194
abk/49 XA3 dated 20--5--50.

ORDER:

The following notification will be published in
the Fort St.George Gazette:-

NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the powers conferred by section 18-A of
the the Madras Prohibition Act, 1937 (Madras Act X of 1937),
His Excellency the Governor of Madras hereby directs that the
duty on Ganja and bhang issued from the Government stocks shall
be levied, at Rs.80/- and Rs.40/- respectively per seer of 80
toles.

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SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To the Board of Revenue, (Excise).
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" " Superintendent, Government Press for publication
of the notification in the Fort St.George
Gazette and for issuing necessary correction
slips to the Madras prohibition Act and rules
thereunder.
To All Collectors.
" the Legal Department.

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